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U.S EPA
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RE: Harbor Comments

I am the owner of Fast Bikes, Inc., an independent motorcycle shop that has been a part of Portland for 12 years. I have lived on the Upper Willamette for 27 years, and I like to go out onto the river every weekend. I have major problems with the EPA strategy for cleaning the Willamette, a costly strategy that does not take into account how much the river has decontaminated itself in the last decade. I would hate to see massive dredges spewing smoke across the Willamette for 20 or 30 years. The traffic is tough in our neighborhood as it is, and closing huge sections of the river for non-stop dredging is only going to make the problem worse.

The Willamette cleanup looks like it will cost in excess of one billion dollars, which is ultimately going to be paid by businesses and residents in Portland. Taxes and utilities are already increasing all the time, so the bottom line is getting smaller and smaller. We definitely can't afford to pay any more. Also, it would be much better if that billion dollars were spent on economic development and roads rather than digging up poisonous sediment the river has already dealt with. The EPA should consider the burden its current plan would put on the people and businesses of Portland and go back to the drawing board. It would be far better to dredge only the areas that really need it and allow nature to take care of the rest.

Sincerely,
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